

READ-ME

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Overview and Instructions.

This is the read me file to replicate “Is Transitional Justice Blind? The Link between Culpability and Prosecution in Argentina’s Human Rights Trials.’’ After setting your working directory, run the `_packs.R` script. This will install and load all necessary packages for the analysis. The script `+_main.R` will run all scripts necessary to produce each figure and table. The folders `fig-in` and `tab` include all individual scripts to produce specific figures or tables respectively. Each script saves the table/figure in the `tab-out` or `fig-out` folder.

Data

The Data folder contains all necessary processed data to complete the analysis. Under each subheading, we describe the dataset and provide a description for each variable.

Arg_Admin

Arg_Admin is a shape file of administrative regions used to produce all maps.

officer_df.rds

- `officer_name`: Name of the member of the armed forces
- `repression_std`: Standardized measure of repression culpability
- `changed_ever`: Dummy for whether the member ever changed their location of service
- `tenure`: Number of years they were in command of a location
- `maxrank`: Highest rank the officer achieved (factor)
- `maxlevel`: Highest geographic level (area, subzone, zone) they controlled
- `total_repression`: Count of repression events overseen during command
- `last_year_served`: Last year they were in charge of a location
- `first_year_served`: First year they were in charge of a location
- `officer_branch`: Branch of the armed forces the member was a part of
- `outcomes`: Judicial outcomes (in text)
- `max_sentence`: Highest sentence given (in years)
- `mean_sentence`: Average of all sentence years
- `cum_sentence`: Cumulative years sentenced
- `free`: Dummy for not being convicted
- `die`: Dummy for death before trial

- `life`: Dummy for life sentence
- `legal_system`: Dummy for any contact with legal system

processo_panel.rds

- `ID_2`: Second administrative level in Argentina
- `Repress`: Count of repression events

repression_officers.csv

This dataframe is at the department-year level, and includes the count of repression events in the department-year, as well as the area, subzone, and zone in the department along with the names of the officers in charge of each level.

- `zone_officer`: Officer in charge of the zone
- `zone_officer_rank`: Rank of the officer in charge of the zone
- `zone_officer_branch`: Branch of the armed forces the zone officer belongs to
- `repression`: Measure or indicator of repression events in the zone
- `zone`: Geographic area defined as the "zone"
- `year`: Year of record for the data
- `departament`: Department associated with the zone or subzone
- `dept_code`: Code representing the department
- `prov`: Province associated with the zone
- `subzone_officer`: Officer in charge of the subzone
- `subzone_officer_rank`: Rank of the officer in charge of the subzone
- `subzone_officer_branch`: Branch of the armed forces the subzone officer belongs to
- `subzone`: Geographic area defined as the "subzone"
- `area_officer`: Officer in charge of the area
- `area_officer_rank`: Rank of the officer in charge of the area
- `area_officer_branch`: Branch of the armed forces the area officer belongs to
- `area`: Geographic area defined as the "area"
- `area_officer_2`: Second officer in charge of the area
- `area_officer_2_rank`: Rank of the second officer in charge of the area
- `area_officer_2_branch`: Branch of the armed forces the second area officer belongs to

trials_data_FOR_ANALYSIS.csv

- `trial_ID`: Unique identifier for each trial
- `year`: Year the trial took place
- `final_date`: Final date of the trial or verdict
- `muni_trial`: Municipality where the trial took place
- `prov_trial`: Province where the trial took place

- `defendant_ID`: Unique identifier for the defendant
- `defendant_name`: Name of the defendant
- `defendant_position`: Position or role of the defendant (e.g., military rank, government role)
- `defendant_birth_year`: Birth year of the defendant
- `defendant_outcome`: Outcome of the trial for the defendant (e.g., convicted, acquitted)
- `court`: Court where the trial took place
- `presiding_judge`: Name of the presiding judge during the trial
- `judge2`: Name of the second judge in the trial
- `judge3`: Name of the third judge in the trial
- `elevation_year`: Year the case was elevated (e.g., to a higher court)
- `muni_repression`: Municipality where repression events occurred
- `prov_repression`: Province where repression events occurred
- `presiding_judge_appt_pres`: Year the presiding judge was appointed by the president
- `presiding_judge_appt_minjus`: Year the presiding judge was appointed by the Ministry of Justice
- `presiding_judge_gender`: Gender of the presiding judge
- `presiding_judge_datefirstappt`: Date of the presiding judge's first appointment
- `judge2_appt_pres`: Year the second judge was appointed by the president
- `judge2_appt_minjus`: Year the second judge was appointed by the Ministry of Justice
- `judge2_gender`: Gender of the second judge
- `judge2_datefirstappt`: Date of the second judge's first appointment
- `judge3_appt_pres`: Year the third judge was appointed by the president
- `judge3_appt_minjus`: Year the third judge was appointed by the Ministry of Justice
- `judge3_gender`: Gender of the third judge
- `judge3_datefirstappt`: Date of the third judge's first appointment
- `presiding_judge_tenure`: Duration of the presiding judge's tenure in the role
- `judge2_tenure`: Duration of the second judge's tenure in the role
- `judge3_tenure`: Duration of the third judge's tenure in the role
- `kidnapping_case`: Indicates whether the case involves kidnapping (binary: yes/no)
- `defendant_age`: Age of the defendant at the time of the trial
- `length_of_case`: Duration of the trial (from start to final verdict)
- `rank_crude`: Crude rank of the defendant (e.g., military, police, etc.)
- `kirchnerjudge`: Indicates whether a Kirchner-appointed judge was involved
- `kirchner_presiding_judge`: Indicates whether the presiding judge was appointed during the Kirchner administration
- `kirchner_judge2`: Indicates whether the second judge was appointed during the Kirchner administration
- `kirchner_judge3`: Indicates whether the third judge was appointed during the Kirchner administration

- `kirchner_panel`: Indicates whether the trial panel included judges appointed during the Kirchner administration
- `menem_judge2`: Indicates whether the second judge was appointed during the Menem administration
- `menem_judge3`: Indicates whether the third judge was appointed during the Menem administration
- `menem_panel`: Indicates whether the trial panel included judges appointed during the Menem administration
- `menem_presiding_judge`: Indicates whether the presiding judge was appointed during the Menem administration
- `council_panel`: Indicates whether the trial panel involved the council
- `council_presiding_judge`: Indicates whether the presiding judge was appointed by the council
- `council_judge2`: Indicates whether the second judge was appointed by the council
- `council_judge3`: Indicates whether the third judge was appointed by the council
- `noconvict`: Indicates whether the defendant was not convicted

`trial_clean.rds`

- `final_date_monthyr`: The final date of the trial in month and year format
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- `presiding_judge_datefirstappt`: Date of the presiding judge's first appointment
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- `judge2_appt_minjus`: Year the second judge was appointed by the Ministry of Justice
- `judge2_gender`: Gender of the second judge
- `judge2_datefirstappt`: Date of the second judge's first appointment
- `judge3_appt_pres`: Year the third judge was appointed by the president
- `judge3_appt_minjus`: Year the third judge was appointed by the Ministry of Justice
- `judge3_gender`: Gender of the third judge
- `judge3_datefirstappt`: Date of the third judge's first appointment
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- `council_judge2`: Indicates whether the second judge was appointed by the council
- `council_judge3`: Indicates whether the third judge was appointed by the council
- `noconvict`: Indicates whether the defendant was not convicted
- `officer_name`: Name of the officer involved in the case
- `sentence_yr`: Year of the sentence
- `dead`: Indicates whether the defendant is deceased
- `aquited`: Indicates whether the defendant was acquitted
- `life`: Indicates whether the defendant received a life sentence

- `n_trial`: Number of trials the defendant participated in
- `presiding_judge_appt_year`: Year the presiding judge was appointed
- `presiding_judge_nojc`: Indicates whether the presiding judge had no judicial experience
- `presiding_judge_pjcc`: Indicates whether the presiding judge was a part of the Judicial Council
- `under_macri`: Indicates whether the trial took place under the Macri administration
- `monthly`: Monthly date associated with the data
- `country_name`: Name of the country (Argentina)
- `Approval_Smoothed`: Smoothed data for executive approval ratings
- `Approval_Not_Smoothed`: Raw executive approval ratings
- `app_marginals_obs`: Observed marginal approval ratings
- `Disapproval_Smoothed`: Smoothed data for executive disapproval ratings
- `Disapproval_Not_Smoothed`: Raw executive disapproval ratings
- `neg_marginals_obs`: Observed negative marginal approval ratings
- `Country`: Argentina
- `ccodecow`: Country code for Argentina
- `wb_code`: World Bank code for the Argentina
- `month`: Month associated with the data
- `under_kirchner`: Indicates whether the trial took place under the Kirchner administration